

# Problem of Raising More Money For Local Streets Faces Solons

PROBLEM OF RAISING 2-34 BY VINCENT THOMAS  
 Assemblyman, 68th District  
 Twelve billion dollars is a nice round sum of cash. Yet, as I wrote here a few weeks ago, it is the estimated amount needed to bring our local streets and roads up to par. How to raise it is the tough

question, and no grand jury investigation of quiz characters will make the answer any easier.  
 Part of a possible solution to the problem was discussed at length during a recent meeting of the Senate fact finding committee on transportation and public utilities. Staff of the committee submitted a report on the revenues which would accrue from increased taxes on motor vehicles. Boosting the "in lieu" tax on the value of cars from \$2 to \$3 per hundred would produce from \$80 to \$85 million per year, the committee was told.

COUNTIES AND cities now receive the major portion of receipts from the in lieu tax, it was stated. However, they are not required to use the

money for road purposes, and approximately half of the counties use some or all of it for highway purposes. The committee took some time reviewing the advisability of earmarking the extra funds which would be raised by the additional tax for street and road purposes. The words "in lieu" were tagged on this tax because it was substituted for the local property taxes which would otherwise be levied on vehicles, it was pointed out.

If such a raise were adopted, a car owner who now pays \$20 would pay \$30 per year. The regular registration fee of \$8 is in addition to this tax.

SUCH A RAISE was proposed as a possible alternative to a one cent increase in the gas tax, which would produce about as much revenue, it was indicated. An increase in the federal gas tax, which has been much discussed recently, was not referred to.

Highway construction and maintenance was originally a separate function in state government organization, but many years ago was consolidated into the predecessor of the present department of public works. Recently, however, the general trend among states has been to remove highway functions from overall public works agencies, it was said.

PROBABLY ONE of the reasons for this trend is that the job of providing and keeping up good highways has grown into such a huge task that separate organization has been necessary for efficient operation. Changing times commonly result in shifts in governmental structure.

This proposal for uniting highway functions into one state agency relates itself closely to the intensive study which the Assembly committee on transportation and commerce is making of all functions of the state which relate to motor vehicles and their operation. Working from both directions, there would seem to be a definite possibility that something really original in highway legislation will be developed for consideration at our 1961 session.

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 1 tablespoon grated orange rind  
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 1/2 teaspoon salt  
 1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting type baking powder  
 1/3 cup undiluted Carnation Evaporated Milk  
 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Blend shortening, orange rind, vanilla, sugar and egg until light and fluffy. Add dry ingredients alternately with Carnation. Blend until smooth; then fold in nuts. Drop dough from teaspoon to buttered baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) about 15 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet and cool on rack.

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